

### **Abstract**

A coated optical fiber, preferably a GGP optical fiber includes an optical fiber core, and a silica cladding over the optical fiber core, to provide a silica clad core. A permanent polymeric coating forms on the silica cladding during ultraviolet radiation of a 5 photocurable composition containing a non-hydrolyzable photoinitiator. The coated optical fiber has a diameter from about 120 microns to about 160 microns and a relative frequency distribution of at least about 85% for dynamic fatigue measurements between about  $49.2 \times 10^3$  kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (700kpsi) and about  $63.3 \times 10^3$  kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (900kpsi).

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